**NV Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities (NGCDD) Quarterly Council Meeting Minutes for June 1, 2017**

**Video Conference to Vocational Rehabilitation Locations:**

3016 West Charleston Blvd., #200, Las Vegas, NV

1325 Corporate Blvd., Reno, NV

# Special Notes

* All items reviewed during this meeting are available for view on the NGCDD website; under the event created for this meeting: [www.nevadaddcouncil.org](http://www.nevadaddcouncil.org/)
* Bolded text under a heading indicates an action taken by the NGCDD.

# Introductions

NGCDD Members Present: Chair, Jodi Thornley; Vice Chair, Stephen Schumacher; Jacob Arant; Jennifer Casselman; Robbin Dunn; Jennifer Frischmann; Shelley Hendren; Vickie Ives; Kathleen Kingston; Jack Mayes; Kimberly Ortega-Palma; Cara Paoli; Santa Perez; Renee Portnell; Robin Renshaw; Steve Rock; David Sorensen

NGCDD Members Absent: Lisa Bonie; Ronald Futrell; Aimee Hadleigh; Christi Hines-Coates; Russell Lehmann; Brian Patchett

NGCDD Staff Present: Sherry Manning, Executive Director; Kari Horn, Projects Manager; Ellen Marquez, Executive Assistant; Catherine Nielsen, Self-Advocacy Coordinator

Guests Present: Cheyenne Pasquale; Yvonne Penkalski; Pam Vest; Kelli Walker; Lisa Watson

# Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Council Chair, Jodi Thornley at 10:09 a.m.

Executive Assistant, Ellen Marquez verified that the agenda for this meeting was posted to the appropriate locations on May 16, 2017.

# Public Comment

Ms. Thornley asked if there was any public comment. None was given

# Approval of Minutes for the March 2, 2017 Meeting

Council Vice-Chair, Stephen Schumacher opened the floor for discussion. As there were no changes or corrections a **motion to approve the minutes from the March 2, 2017 meeting as written was offered by Renee Portnell and seconded by Jack Mayes. Motion carried unanimously.**

# NGCDD Executive Committee and Chairperson’s Summary

Ms. Thornley, Council Chair and Executive Committee Chair discussed actions and recommendations from the April 18, 2017 Executive Committee Meeting.

Ms. Thornley deferred the discussion in regards to the President’s Federal Budget to Sherry Manning.

Ms. Manning referred to the handouts. She stated the news in the beginning was not very positive, but as the week went on, it began to turn around for the Councils on Developmental Disabilities. The most positive information is Senator Hatch, Utah, and Committee Chair for the Committee on Finance, has requested funding for the Councils during the appropriations process and will oppose the move as presented.

Ms. Manning stated she will be having a meeting with Senator Heller, Nevada, next week.

Ms. Manning reviewed some of the verbiage in the Federal budget. She continued the discussion explaining the impact of all the DD Councils in the US and if they no longer existed, what steps needed to be done by advocates and families to continue forward. Ms. Manning also stated within the DD Act there is nothing that states it “shall fund.” There was a discussion and further comments related to the Council continuing to move forward.

For more information on the activity of the Executive Committee, please see the meeting minutes and handouts from their September 20, 2016 meeting, posted on the NGCDD website: [www.nevadaddCouncil.org](http://www.nevadaddcouncil.org).

# Presentation and Approval of Nevada’s Strategic Plan on Integrated Employment Progress Report

Ms. Thornley introduced Lisa Watson from Social Entrepreneurs, Inc. Ms. Watson presented the Progress Report on behalf of the Strategic Plan on Integrated Employment. She provided a framework and overview of the report.

Ms. Watson requested any comments, discussion or changes regarding the information in the report. Jenny Casselman commented the information she has heard is Nevada is at the bottom of integrated employment and wanted to know how Nevada will progress. Ms. Watson stated there is no baseline, so she does not know where that information came from since there is no current data to measure.

Robbin Dunn commented on the fact there is a lack of providers, contracted individuals, willing to take on these people going through JDT and be trained. She continued by stating she knows of businesses, but how to inform businesses they need to hire individuals with I/DD and here is a program. Ms. Dunn’s question is how as a Council member, can she help recruit providers that might be able to train people with I/DD in the work setting. Shelley Hendren stated there is a new person starting that will be working with that. She recommended they go to the DETER website and sign up there. Ms. Hendren also stated she would work on a flyer that can be handed out to encourage service providers.

Ms. Thornley requested a motion needed to be suggested. **Santa Perez motioned to approve the report as written and seconded by Kimberly Palma-Ortega. Motion carried unanimously.**

# Presentation on Informed Choice through Person Centered No Wrong Door System

Ms. Thornley introduced Cheyenne Pasquale, No Wrong Door Coordinator for Aging and Disability Services Division. Ms. Pasquale stated she did not have any handouts, but she will be sending the material to the Council staff to be uploaded to the website.

Ms. Pasquale discussed Nevada Care Connections and how it corresponds to Nevada No Wrong Door System. She also discussed the meaning and purpose of Nevada No Wrong Door and where the vision is for the future.

# NGCDD Budget Committee

Budget Committee Chair, Robbin Dunn gave a brief summary of the Budget Committee meeting from May 2, 2017 and deferred a more specific summary to Ms. Manning.

Ms. Manning discussed more in depth details of the budget. She highlighted the actual amount of funds that have been drawn down and the authority given to the Council to be drawn down.

Ms. Thornley requested a motion. **Steve Rock motioned to approve the Budget as presented and seconded by Jennifer Casselman. Motion carried unanimously.**

For more information on the activity of the Budget Committee, please see the meeting minutes and handouts from their May 2, 2017 meeting, posted on the NGCDD website: [www.nevadaddCouncil.org](http://www.nevadaddcouncil.org).

# Project Status Summary

NGCDD Projects Manager, Kari Horn reviewed the Grantee Monitoring Report for the 2nd quarter of the Federal Fiscal Year 2017 (January 1, 2017 through March 31st, 2017) and referred to the handouts.

Ms. Casselman asked if Ms. Horn was aware of the legislation that bans ride sharing. Ms. Horn stated it was just brought to her attention, therefore it is being checked into and she is scheduled to meet with those grantees regarding ride sharing.

Shelley Hendren commented she feels there are many good projects happening the Council is supporting and should feel good about.

NGCDD Self-Advocacy Coordinator, Catherine Nielsen reviewed the 2nd quarter report of the Federal Fiscal Year 2017 (January 1, 2017 through March 31st, 2017). She stated there is a great connection with AzulBlue in Las Vegas and a self-advocacy conference is being planned for September.

Ms. Nielsen discussed the Self-Advocacy Conference in Sacramento, CA, she attended with several Council members and self-advocates.

Ms. Nielsen also discussed the “Youth Empowering Students” (YES!) curriculum. She has met with a Special Education Teacher from Dayton High School to assist in teaching students with different levels of function to get a hands on approach for this program. She mentioned this is a six week program that is taught one hour per day.

Mr. Rock mentioned if a presentation could be made to the teachers at UNLV and UNR to make them aware of this program.

# NGCDD Evaluation Committee

Evaluation Committee Chair, Kimberly Palma-Ortega gave a summary of the Evaluation Committee meeting from May 9, 2017. She referred to the handouts in the packets and noted the changes to the NOFA funding.

Ms. Hendren stated there was a discussion to tweak some of the information in the document. She stated Mr. Rock and Mr. Mayes were going to review the changes made to the grants manual and the NOFA. Mr. Mayes stated he gave his changes to Ms. Horn and clarified the changes were more to tie the grants manual to the NOFA so applicants know what they are obligated to do.

Ms. Manning stated there was a statement on the award letter to the grantees, stating the award is provisional on the full allocation being received by the Council. It was noticed the statement is not in the manual and Ms. Manning and Ms. Horn will make it extremely clear, the award is provisional, during the NOFA trainings.

Ms. Thornley requested a motion. **Ms. Hendren motioned to accept all changes recommended by the Evaluation Committee and seconded by David Sorensen. Motion carried unanimously.**

For more information on the activity of the Evaluation Committee, please see the meeting minutes and handouts from their May 9, 2017 meeting, posted on the NGCDD website: [www.nevadaddCouncil.org](http://www.nevadaddcouncil.org).

# NGCDD Legislative Committee

Legislative Committee Chair, Renee Portnell gave a summary of the Legislative Committee meeting from April 19, 2017. She stated due to the completion of this legislative session, the next Legislative Committee meeting will be held on August 9, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. Ms. Portnell deferred the discussion to Mr. Mayes.

Mr. Mayes updated the Council on some of the Bills that have passed and have been signed by the Governor. Mr. Mayes stated overall it has been a good session ending on a positive side, especially for people with disabilities.

* AB 31 – Disability Rights/Elder Rights – Expands the powers/duties of the specialist for the rights to include older person with disabilities under the age of 60.
* AB 64 – Students with I/DD revises the requirements for them to receive a standard diploma. Allows a student with a disability to receive a standard diploma by satisfying his/her requirements under the Individualized Education Plan.
* AB 108 – Medicaid Reimbursement Rates.
* AB 192 – Mandates the use of persons on the 700 hour program.
* AB 234 – Transportation – Requires anyone who transports a person with a disability to have a first aid kit and the driver is required to have first aid and CPR training.

Mr. Mayes stated there are many Bills on the Governor’s desk to be signed. He also discussed a few other Bills that NDALC is following.

For more information on the activity of the Legislative Committee, please see the meeting minutes and handouts from their April 19, 2017 meeting, posted on the NGCDD website: [www.nevadaddCouncil.org](http://www.nevadaddcouncil.org).

# Partners Summary

Mr. Mayes gave an update of the Nevada Disability Advocacy and Law Center (NDALC). He stated NDALC has completed their Year End Report for 2016 and will give to Ms. Manning for distribution to the Council.

Mr. Rock stated they are working with Diana Rovetti and the Down Syndrome Network of Northern Nevada (DSNNN) and the iCan Bike program. They are looking to replicate the program in the South, but are not able to find a venue for the program. If someone knows of a place, please contact Mr. Rock.

Mr. Rock stated a collaborative project between NDALC, NCED and the Council have been working on accessibility training. A website was created, InclusiveNevada.wordpress, and has been up for about a month. This gives some information on how to create accessible word documents. There is a tentative date for a day long training on June 27, 2017.

Mr. Rock reviewed the LEND program and there are 14 applicants and reviewed briefly the new Partners in Policy classes coming up.

# Director’s Summary

Executive Director, Sherry Manning briefly reviewed the Director’s Summary and referred to the information in the packet.

To view the Director’s Summary, visit the NGCDD website: [www.nevadaddCouncil.org](http://www.nevadaddcouncil.org)

# Next Meeting Date

The next NGCDD meeting is a Face-To-Face meeting in Las Vegas on Thursday, September 7, 2017. Details and time of meeting will be announced prior to September.

# Public Comment

Yvonne Penkalski from Nevada PEP had two questions. Ms. Manning informed her there can be no discussion or action taken, but she will provide answers to her questions at a later time.

Ms. Penkalski stated in Clark County there is already a Y.E.S. program being utilized and partners with College of Southern Nevada. Ms. Manning stated she would follow up with her.

Ms. Nielsen announced the Journey of Hope event that will take place at Western Nevada College on June 16, 2017 and this is a public event.

Ms. Hendren shared Vocational Rehabilitation is piloting a paid internship program for students with disabilities in State government. There are 50 students being paired with government agencies for an eight week program.

Ms. Manning announced a Happy Birthday to Robin Renshaw.

Stephen Schumacher announced he is engaged and the tentative wedding date is July 14, 2018.

# Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:47 p.m.